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Summary

Led by the US and Argentina, 20 countries took the floor on **endocrine disruptors** and nine on **glyphosate**.

Detail

Specific Trade Concerns (STCs)

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EU defensive issues:

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Previously raised:

Endocrine Disruptors (raised by the US and Argentina, supported by other 18 Members). The US delivered the most detailed statement questioning the hazard-based approach, enquiring about the interim criteria and complaining generally about the EU policy on pesticides. In particular, they criticised the EU approach to import tolerance setting, and noted the expected negative trade impact of the MRLs for several specific substances.

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